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## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A process for separating sodium bicarbonate brine from crude tall oil or for separating sulfate brine from soap oil, such as in a recovery process in a pulp mill. A water solution having an increased density is added during the neutralization of crude tall oil soap with carbon dioxide or acidulation of soap oil with sulfuric acid.